MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The convicting Magistrate may order special treatment being accorded in the Jail to conivcts; such convicts may be described as prisoners other than ordinary.

Mr. A. Narayana Pillai in Central Prison.

180. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. A. Sankara Pillai B. A., B. L., Advocate, sought permission to see his brother Mr. A. Narayana Pillai in the Central Prison;

(*b*) whether he was allowed;

(*c*) if not, why permission refused;

(*d*) who refused;

(*e*) whether he petitioned to the Chief Secretary about the refusal, seeking permission; and

(*f*) whether the Government have given instructions to the Central Prison authorities, not to allow any visitors or relatives of Mr. A. Narayana Pillai?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Permission was refused because the application was premature under the Rules.

(*d*) The Superintendent of Central Prison.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) No.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: When was the application made by Mr. Sankara Pillai for permission to see Mr. A. Narayana Pillai?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Application to whom, may I know?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: I am referring to the application dealt with in part (*c*) of the answer.

PRESIDENT: Honourable member wishes to know the date of that application?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I am sorry, Sir, that I am not now in a position to give the exact date; but I may inform the honourable member that it was before the 12th of May 1938.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know why the application was considered premature?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I may invite the attention of the honourable member to the Jail Rules relating to interviews with prisoners.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: It is with reference to such rules that I want to know the date on which Mr. Narayana Pillai entered the jail and the date on which Mr. Sankara Pillai applied for permission to interview him.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: As I have already stated, I am not in a position to give the dates, but I may say that, when the application was made by Mr. Sankara Pillai, three months had not elapsed since Mr. Narayana Pillai went to the jail.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I ask whether the rule is that a prisoner can be interviewed only after three months after the prisoner entered the jail, or whether the rule is that the relations of the prisoner can interview him only once in three months.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The honourable member can himself refer to the rules.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: What I want to know is whether, according to the interpretation of the rule by the Government, the relations of the prisoner can interview him only if three months have elapsed after he entered the jail.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: That is the view of the Jail Superintendent and Government do not think he is wrong.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Is that the practice?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: That must be the practice. Government have no specific information on the point.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: On what basis was the application considered premature by the Government?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: As I said, Government referred the applicant to the Jail Superintendent, and it was the Jail Superintendent who held that the application was premature.

MR. P. K. KUNJU (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): ചീഫ് സെക്രട്ടറി ആ പെറ്റീഷനിൽ എന്തു തീരുമാനം ചെയ്തു എന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The Government gave an endorsement to Mr. Sankara Pillai that he might apply to the Jail Superintendent who is authorised under the rules to dispose of such petitions.

MR. K. T. THOMAS (*Thiruvella*): May I ask whether even before three months had elapsed after Mr. Narayana Pillai entered the jail any person was allowed to interview him, not a relation?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I claim notice.

Ambalapuzha-Alleppey road.

181. ***MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the Manager of the Ambalapuzha Motor Syndicate about the unsatisfactory condition of the Ambalapuzha-Alleppey road;

(*b*) if so, what it is;

(*c*) what action has been taken on the representation;

(*d*) whether any amount has been allotted for maintenance of that road for 1113; and

(*e*) if so, whether it has been spent and whether they have supervised the road just to know whether any work has been done?

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